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4 arrested in shooting

Police seize five guns after apparent drive-by shooting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Four people — two men and two women — are in custody and awaiting felony charges for what police say was some kind of drive-by shooting in Venice early Wednesday morning.

Five guns — including a 9 mm assault-style rifle and an assault-style shotgun — were seized and the vehicle, a maroon 1979 Oldsmobile, was impounded.

Venice police will seek felony charges of unlawful use of weapons and aggravated discharge of a firearm against all four suspects. Police Chief James Newsome said additional or more severe charges could be filed because two of the suspects have felony convictions.

Because of the number and type of weapons involved, Newsome said, the Madison County State's Attorney's office was taking a special interest in the case.

Three of the suspects had criminal records. Two of them — both men — had felony drug convictions and one of those men was reportedly affiliated with the Vice Lords gang.

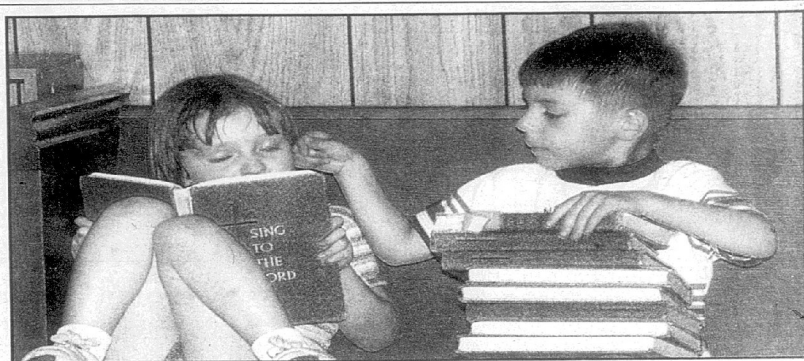
VENICE

The incident reportedly started earlier in the evening with an argument at a Venice liquor store and escalated when the alleged shooter sought retribution, Newsome said. He said the other person reportedly involved in the earlier altercation lived in Lee Wright Homes.

According to police reports, at about 2:14 a.m. Wednesday, an officer patrolling on Baucum Avenue heard gunshots from the area around Lee Wright Homes. As he was heading to the scene, a witness told him that one of the suspects had been shooting and had left the area in a car with three other people.

The officer stopped the car a short time later. During the stop, one of the suspects came out of the car with his back to the officer; when the suspect turned around his hand was at his waist. The officer then drew his weapon and repeatedly ordered the man to show his hands. After the suspect complied, he was taken into custody.

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Hymnal — Josie Lourwood and Troy Garcia, both 3, look through a book of hymns just before morning service at St. John United Church of Christ Bible Camp last week. More photos on Page 1C.

Walter Klein dies at 91

Madison native was local teacher, principal and coach

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Walter Klein, long a figure in education and sports in Granite City, died Monday at age 91.

Born in 1906 in Madison, Klein attended Washington University. In 1930, he was named athletic director at Central Junior High and taught basketball and track. After 12 years of coaching, Klein entered the Navy in 1942 and served for 28 months as a special athletics director.

After honorable discharge in 1945, Klein became a social studies teacher and obtained his masters from St. Louis University. He came back to Granite City and coached again from 1946 to 1948.

He became principal of Emerson grade school in 1949, and then of

Webster five years later, and finally became Central's principal in 1956.

At that time Central was a 7th grade school. In 1960, Klein was nominated "Principal of the Year."

Teachers described him as dedicated and interested in children and his work with teachers, parents and administrators.

That same year, when Prather Junior High opened, Klein was the first principal.

He retired in 1970. In 1987, Klein was inducted into the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame.



Klein

He also served for 18 years as a volunteer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and also served as an usher at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association, the American Diabetes Association or the Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

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Summer returns with vengeance

It's only June, but temperatures are already hitting July-like levels

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

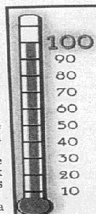
El Nino has made Mother Nature so temperamental this year that, for at least short periods of time, the line between spring and summer has been hard to distinguish.

But today's weather — as well as the forecast for the next several days — should erase all doubt.

Remember the sunshine everyone wanted after six consecutive days of rain? It's here.

Summer has arrived with a vengeance.

Temperatures today were set for the mid 90s, with humidity levels in



the 60 percent to 90 percent range, according to the National Weather Service in St. Louis. This means temperatures will feel more like 100 degrees or above for most of the weekend.

The scary part is that July, traditionally the steamiest month, isn't even here yet. In an average St. Louis summer, the mercury reaches the 90-degree mark 41 times.

About 15 of those readings occur during July, and 12 more times in August, the second hottest month.

In addition to being uncomfortable, the soaring temperatures today were set for the mid 90s, with humidity levels in

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Protestant Welfare honored

Local agency is among 67 cited at ceremony in Springfield

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

One of Granite City's brightest lights, Community Care Center of Protestant Welfare, has been awarded the 1998 Governor's Hometown Award.

Gov. Jim Edgar gave out the awards at the 17th annual awards ceremony June 17 in Springfield. The 1998 awards honor 67 projects from 49 cities and villages and 11 counties for their many contributions to improving the quality of life for

people throughout the state.

Protestant Welfare won the General Award first place in the category for cities with populations of 23,001 to 36,000 for the volunteer effort to renovate a former warehouse to provide additional service areas for the Community Care center of Protestant Welfare.



Wright

Denise Wright, board president of Protestant Welfare, has also been named a 1998 Woman of Achievement for community services, was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the City of Granite City and was given the Carol Kimmel Community Service Award.

All the organizations and projects in this competition can be counted as winners because, whether they're taking home an award or not, each has contributed to making our state's communities better places to live.

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1945 court martial fought

USS Indianapolis captain called scapegoat in sinking

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A Japanese submarine sent the cruiser USS Indianapolis to the bottom of the Pacific during the closing weeks of World War II. Shortly thereafter, the U.S. Navy sunk the carrier of the ship's captain, Charles B. McVay III.

Now, survivors and families of the dead again are attempting to convince Congress that McVay's court martial was a great injustice and should be overturned.

The Indianapolis was the ship that delivered to Tinian Island in the Western Pacific the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. She next was ordered to report to the Philippines for gunnery practice with the USS Idaho, but she never arrived.

A Japanese submarine hit her with torpedoes at 12:14 a.m. July 30, 1945,



Guenther



Consiglio

and she sunk within 12 minutes. An SOS was sent but was received garbled and prompted no action.

Approximately 900 of the ship's complement of 1,197 men survived the attack, but, because the Navy had no idea the Indianapolis had been sunk — or even that she never

arrived for gunnery practice — most of those men were lost while floating in shark-infested waters for 32 hours.

A chance aerial spotting by a routine patrol led to a mere 317 sailors plus a Marine detachment being rescued.

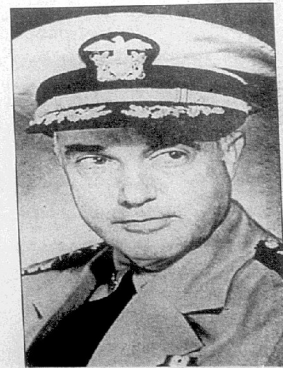
Two Granite City sailors, Joe Consiglio and Morgan Guenther, were lost in the disaster.

Paul J. Murphy of Broomfield, Colo., is chairman of the USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Survivors Organization.

Young 12-year-old Hunter Scott of Florida saw the movie "Jaws" and became intrigued when one character described the story of the Indianapolis survivors battling sharks. Hunter then researched the story and eventually contacted Murphy for a list of the survivors.

"He called up 80 of the boys and interviewed them," Murphy said.

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Capt. Charles McVay III

OPINION

Edgar has done better than expected

Gov. Jim Edgar has never been big on the vision thing. He is a true moderate conservative who addresses problems.

He's always been very popular with voters, but folks at the Statehouse have never liked him much. He makes no big plans and he is too aloof. Two traits that have alienated Edgar from just about everyone under the dome. Politicians generally like to make a big, visible impact on their world, and Edgar has either been unwilling or unable to accomplish that, which upsets those in Springfield who want to do something. Anything.

Until recently, I never particularly cared for Jim Edgar as a governor, either. But now that he's out his way out, I think I've finally begun to appreciate the guy for what he is. Something clicked in my head a few days ago when two hot button issues were at his feet by the press.

The first was when a Springfield newspaper reported that the State Board of Education had sent 90 schools, a test to measure students' knowledge of how to prevent the spread of AIDS. Some of the questions were pretty racy, which upset a few people, which, of course, made for a great story, particularly when a state legislator called for the resignation of State School Superintendent Joe Spagnolo.

(Not reported was that the legislator in question, Rep. Jerry Mitchell, R-Sterling, has been working overtime this year to snuggle up to his party's right wing.)

(Mitchell is a pro-choice moderate-to-liberal Republican who voted for the governor's failed income tax increase last year and was once picketed by a religious group because they claimed — unfairly — that he was pro-pornography.)

(Mitchell won his first race by just a few votes, and his district is almost evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.)

Edgar's response to the temptations? "Everybody makes mistakes," Spagnolo had explained that the test was inadvertently sent to the schools when an employee by-passed an oversight committee. Edgar backed him up.

Then came the prison flap. A Chicago newspaper reported that the state was using maximum security prison inmates



Rich Miller

to process some drivers license data. The screaming and moaning protests was loud, but Edgar firmly refused to back off.

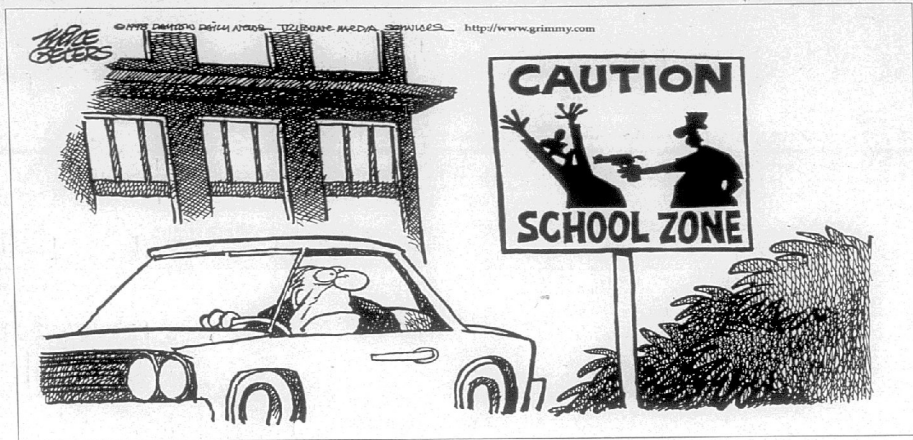
In case you think Edgar reacted the way he did because he isn't running for re-election, just remember back in 1996, when it got out that Illinois Commerce Commission chairman Dan Miller, had made about some very unkind remarks about Bob Dole, including a crack about how Dole might be impotent (which eventually turned out to be true). The quote surfaced the day before the chairman was to be confirmed for another term by the Senate, but conservative Senate President Pate Philip was furious about the chairman's big mouth. In the face of enormous political pressure Edgar refused to withdraw Miller's nomination.

My point to all of this is that Edgar is not a reactionary by temperament — a refreshing quality in an age when so many politicians seem to have an instant, critical and very loud opinion on just about everything. Edgar has shown a real political maturity over the years that we'll probably miss when he has left office.

The governor has been sharply criticized because he has no "vision," but too many so-called visionaries simply react to situations armed with the first ideas that pop into their heads or fit their narrow ideologies, and too often those schemes turn out to be more than a little goofy.

Edgar's had some badly botched opportunity, like when his original third airport idea was passed by the Democratic House and killed by his very own Senate Republicans. He hasn't been a great governor by the usual standards. But he has been much better than most people in Springfield have ever given him credit for, myself included.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Record.)



GUEST COLUMN

Smoking must be attacked

We know too much not to act to protect our youngsters

By Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun
When I was teenager, I remember a television commercial featuring a doctor wearing a white coat, with a stethoscope around his neck, talking about how one cigarette brand was healthier for you than another brand.

All of us now know that the tobacco industry knew all along — no cigarette is safe.

They are all addictive, and lead directly to a variety of cancers, emphysema, heart disease, premature aging and death.

In recent years it has come to light that the tobacco industry knew full well that, once young people became addicted to tobacco, it would be extremely difficult for them to ever break the habit.

Aware that nearly 89 percent of all smokers begin smoking by the age 18 — and eager to maintain its market — the industry specifically targeted children in the hopes of creating life-long addicts.

Its efforts have paid off handsomely. Today, more than four million American children and teenagers, including 180,000 in Illinois, smoke cigarettes.

Seventy percent of Illinois high school students have tried smoking and about 35 percent are current smokers. Teen smoking has risen for five years in a row. If nothing is done, five million American youths, including more than 280,000 in Illinois, will die prematurely from tobacco-related diseases.

Of course, these children currently sneak smokes in the school parking lot will grow into adults puffing away in their living rooms.

Twenty-three percent of Illinois adults are smokers. Smoking accounts for nearly one in five deaths in the United States. It is related to over 419,000 U.S. deaths each year and over 19,000 deaths in Illinois — more than alcohol, car accidents, fires, suicides, drugs and AIDS combined.

We now have proof the tobacco companies have long known precisely what the impact of their products would be. According to their own internal documents, these companies hid the truth regarding both the dangers associated with smoking and the addictiveness of their products.

It is time for the tobacco industry not only to be held accountable for marketing a product it knew to be unsafe, but to assist in the effort to drastically cut the number of children who become addicted to cigarettes.

The National Tobacco Policy and Youth Smoking Reduction Act would require cigarette and smokeless tobacco use by children decline by 60 and 45 percent respectively within 10 years. If these goals are not met, the tobacco industry will be liable for significant penalties.

This bill would assist tobacco communities transition off federal support, provide money for health research, and increase new education and public health programs to warn people about the dangers of smoking.

This bill also seeks to take cigarettes out of the hands of our children by raising the price of each pack by \$1.10. The logic behind this price increase is higher prices will deter children from smoking.

I am concerned, however, this price

increase will be shouldered, primarily, by the middle-class and low income smokers. Almost half of this burden will fall on Americans earning less than \$30,000 and 70 percent of the increase will be making less \$50,000 annually.

The sad truth is smoking is disproportionately concentrated among moderate- and low-income Americans and they are the ones who are being asked to shoulder most of the burden in order to stop children from smoking and improve public health.

The regressive nature of this price increase gives me real pause. American working-class families have enough trouble making ends meet without this additional burden.

At the same time, it must be remembered that smoking is voluntary behavior. A person is not compelled to pay this fee. It can be entirely avoided by not smoking. In fact that is precisely the decision this legislation is trying to inspire.

Though it is impossible to be certain that this measure will succeed, the best experts in the field, including those from the University of Chicago, tell us that a quick, dramatic price increase will likely result in major reductions in teen smoking.

Considering what we know about the risks and consequences of smoking, we cannot just sit by and do nothing; we have to act. We have to do everything possible to prevent young people from taking up this habit.

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun is a U.S. Senator from Illinois.

Reader's poll

Do you think that adolescents charged with violent crimes should be tried as adults?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

False prophets abound today

TO THE EDITOR:

Now and then you have men who come in sheep's clothing. Men who are scholars. Men who know Greek and Hebrew. Men who call themselves Christians. Yet, they deny Christ.

These men are the "Jesus Seminar." They say Jesus was not virgin born. They say he didn't necessarily say things that are in the Holy Scriptures. They say that whatever you do is probably OK as long as we all get together in a great big circle and hug each other and say, "Your religion is just as good as mine."

Jesus is not just another good man. Jesus is God. He is God the Son. There is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God in three persons, Blessed Trinity. That's what Christians profess

to believe. If you don't believe the above, then please don't call yourself a Christian, and please quit teaching in some of the country's most prestigious seminaries.

I don't really understand the Trinity, and I can't explain it really in human terms so that you can understand it, but by faith I believe it. Billy Graham once said, "I also don't understand how a black cow can eat green grass and produce yellow butter and white milk, but I have faith that it will happen again and again." God, the three-part God, the Trinity, created that cow just as he has created everything you and I can see.

Listen, Christians: There are false prophets in 1998. Be careful to keep your faith and don't let someone convince you that the Gospel you heard from the beginning is wrong, just because that someone wears the cloth of a preacher, or just because that someone might have a Ph.D. in Greek.

Acts 4:12 says: "Salvation is found in no one else. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we

must be saved."

He who has ears, let him hear.

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NEWS

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Man charged with kidnapping

GRANITE CITY — A Granite City man has been accused of stealing a Cahokia woman's car and kidnapping the 5-year-old girl inside before leaving her at a friend's house and heading out drinking with his buddies.

Police arrested Kevin I. Smith, 27, of the 2200 block of Washington Ave. after a Granite City police officer, unaware of the stolen car and missing girl report, arrested Smith for driving with a revoked license.

After talking with Smith's two companions, police recovered the unharmed girl, and Smith was charged with aggravated kidnapping. He remained in Madison County Jail Tuesday on \$75,000 bail. The two companions were not charged.

Plan nearing completion

MADISON COUNTY — Madison County Transit officials say the long-awaited Long Range Transportation Plan is nearing completion.

The \$500,000 plan — a joint venture by MCT and Madison County — plots the course for the county's transportation infrastructure through 2020. The plan will consider everything from airports to bicycle trails.

David Sharfraz, director of planning for MCT, said consultants were in the last stages of the plan, mapping out different scenarios and situations and how they would affect the region.

Those scenarios range from doing nothing to improve the county's transportation system to the closing of the McKinley Bridge.

MCT and county officials have said that without the plan, obtaining funding for improvements would be difficult — if not impossible.

Man dies in accident on bridge

VENICE — A Madison man was killed in a one-car accident early Monday morning on the McKinley Bridge in Venice.

Donald L. Harris, 24, of Madison, was pronounced dead at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room at 2:04 a.m. Monday of multiple trauma, according to the Madison County Coroner's Office.

Venice Police reports stated that Harris was eastbound on the bridge at approximately 1:15 a.m. in a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo when he struck an outside safety rail near the turn to the toll plaza. The car bounced off several rails before coming to a halt.

Alternative map draws criticism

MITCHELL — Mitchell supporters scoffed at the incorporation map prepared by Granite City, Edwardsville and Pontoon Beach during a public meeting at the Chouteau Township Hall June 17.

In the latest round of the battle of Mitchell, the three cities had submitted their own version to the Madison County Board's Land Use Committee of what city leaders would like to see as an incorporated Mitchell. Their map, Mitchell supporters say, is a far cry from what an incorporated village should be.

In commenting upon the cities' map, Sinclair referred to what State's Attorney William Haine has said on the matter.

"The map of a proposed village or city is presented by the people who are petitioning. It is not presented by the municipalities," Sinclair said. "Our position will be that we're going to attempt to take our make to the County Board and ask that they approve it so we can have a vote on the revised area."

Two local projects receive Human Development grants

MADISON COUNTY — Three Madison County projects — including two based in Granite City — are among 18 in Central Illinois to receive grants from the 1997/1998 Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Good Samaritan House, the Pregnancy Aid Center, and Project H.O.P.E. all received grants — which were announced at a luncheon at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield. Bishop Daniel L. Ryan presided at the ceremony.

Good Samaritan House received a \$1,000 grant. It provides emergency and long-term shelter for homeless women and children.

The Pregnancy Aid Center received \$900. The center — using a van — provides assistance, education and counseling to women at risk of choosing abortion.

Project H.O.P.E. will receive \$2,225. The group is a grassroots organization serving low-income residents in depressed residential areas.

State funds to help identify mosquito habitats

MADISON COUNTY — Although the Madison County officials won't be out in the fields with butterfly nets hunting up mosquitoes, they have authorized use of a state grant to identify where the little critters are hiding.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the County Health Board, members approved using a \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide a mosquito surveillance program.

Mayor honors three officers

Certificates of appreciation cite two cases they worked on

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Three Madison police officers were honored at last week's City Council meeting.

Detective Neal Mize and probationary patrolmen John Crenshaw and Eric Kary were given certificates of appreciation by Mayor John Hamm.

Chief Steve Skokio also accepted a certificate on behalf of the department.

Mize was honored for his work in investigating a rape case that resulted in the conviction of David F. Brown, 33.

Brown was recently sentenced to 40 years in prison for

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the rape of two women at knifepoint in his basement.

According to police reports, the two women had been walking in Madison when Brown approached them. One of the women agreed to have sex with him but when he arrived at his home he pulled a knife and assaulted both of them.

The women — both prostitutes — escaped when Brown's mother came home, discovered the three in the basement and ordered Brown to drop the knife.

"He had been involved in quite a few sex assaults in the past," Skokio said of Brown. However, the police had never been able to prosecute any of those cases because victims refused to cooperate.

Crenshaw and Kary were honored for their work in a June 5 arrest of Derrick Deon Ingram, 25.

Ingram has a police record going back to 1993, including a conviction for drug sale and arrests for home invasion, drug traffic, and witness tampering.

On June 5, Kary stopped Ingram for a traffic violation. During a search of the vehicle

police discovered approximately 12 grams of crack cocaine. Ingram was charged with Unlawful Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. The case is still pending.

Skokio said it was "a good arrest for two relatively new officers."

He added that the department is aggressively patrolling. In May, the department made a total of 481 arrests, 229 for criminal offenses and 252 for traffic.

"If you're out there looking for something, you're going to find it," he said.

Porn shop owner escapes indictment

By Paul A. Brinkmann
and Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writers

For the second time in four years, a Madison County grand jury has refused to indict an East Alton pornography shop owner under obscenity laws.

"Everything has always been legal," said Dennis Hellrung, owner of Treasure Trove Book and Video Store, 400 E. St. Louis Ave. "I would like to say this is still a free country. Everybody has freedoms."

Hellrung said he feels vindicated and hopes the second failed attempt to indict him is the last. He also was the target of an investigation in 1994.

Residents opposed to the store said they think police and Madison County prosecutors did not try hard enough.

"The prosecution was just vigorous enough to be a pacification job," said the Rev. Homer Salzman, who is leading a protest against the store.

East Alton Police Chief Richard Brown denied Salzman's accusation. Brown said he and his staff did everything possible to make the case.

Police spent \$100 to buy material at the store as evidence. They presented four magazines, four videotapes and one object to a jury Thursday, but the jury found there was not enough evidence to charge Hellrung under state law.

"We picked the items that we thought were repulsive," Brown said. Salzman said he is disappointed with fellow church members in the River Bend.

"I am very disappointed in the lack of support from Christian people," he said. "We sent letters to 104 congregations and got very little support."

Nevertheless, he and about 20 members of Maranatha Fellowship Church in East Alton

will continue to picket the store as they have every night since Friday, he said.

Evidence from Treasure Trove was presented in 1994 along with material from Soft Touch Inc. adult store on Illinois Route 143 near Edwardsville.

Terry Wernle, owner of Soft Touch, was indicted and convicted on several counts concerning obscene magazines, but Hellrung was not.

Brown said he knew from the beginning that the case would be difficult because of the 1994 failure. He said he personally went to the courthouse Thursday to help his staff, even though his presence wasn't required.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine had warned before the grand jury hearing that the case would be difficult.

He said U.S. Supreme Court decisions have opened the "floodgates" to a liberal interpretation of what constitutes obscene material.

Brown said police would continue to respond to complaints about Treasure Trove. "We will continue to monitor what goes on there. It's not something we're just going to brush off."



Reunited — After 46 years, two friends from the Korean War were recently reunited. James M. O'Hare, right, of Greencastle, Ind., and Harold J. Taylor of Madison were buddies and veterans of the Korean War.

Reservations open for craft show

Reservations are now being accepted for both participants in the 24th Annual Arts and Crafts Show, to be held Sept. 11 and 12 in Downtown Belleville.

Spaces are available for 150 exhibitors. Awards will be given for first, second and third places in both arts and crafts. One best of show will be awarded.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

Attorney At Law



Sometimes an individual will sign a will and later decide he wants to make changes. The question often arises in these situations as to how the changes should be made.

In one recent case, a husband and wife had their wills prepared in 1982. The husband's will indicated that if he died first, his wife would be the guardian of the children. In the event they died together or if she died last, his will provided that his wife's parents would have the custody of the children. Her will indicated that he would be the guardian of the children when she died. In the event both died together or if she died after him, her will also indicated that her parents would raise the children.

In 1986, she and her husband had a "falling out" with her parents. They reached a point where they no longer spoke to each other. They wanted to change the parts of their wills that named her parents as guardians of the children. They wondered how this could be accomplished.

The first question was whether they could simply mark through the parts of the wills that referred to her parents as the guardians of the children and designate a different guardian in this

manner. They were advised that attempting to change the guardian in this manner would be of no effect. The law provides that making a change in a will must be accomplished with the same formalities that were followed when the original will was made. The changes must be properly witnessed and attested, and therefore a person cannot change his will by simply marking through it.

The couple also wondered whether they could just tear up the wills and bring about a change in this manner. They were advised that they certainly have the right to destroy their wills. This would serve to revoke all the provisions of the wills. If they did not have new wills prepared, however, the court would decide who should be the guardian of the children if the parents died together.

The proper course of action in this situation would be either to have a codicil to their wills prepared or to have entirely new wills prepared. In this manner, they could designate new guardians for the children with the changes being properly witnessed and attested.

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Chouteau Island annexation case reset

County is fighting Madison's proposal

The trial over the city of Madison's annexation of Chouteau Island has been reset for July 22.

The case pits the city against the Madison County State's Attorney's office, which claims the law allowing the annexation is unconstitutional.

The case — which had been scheduled for Wednesday — has been reset several times because Circuit Judge John DeLaurenti had been ill.

However, the latest delay came at the request of Assistant State's Attorney Nelson Metz, who had a schedule conflict.

At stake is municipal control of the southern part of the island, the Chain of Rocks Landfill and the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

In October 1996 the city of Madison annexed approximately 640 acres on the lower half of Chouteau Island. The actual annexations involved eight individual tracts of land, all owned by Waste Management Inc.

Later, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine filed a complaint seeking to block that annexation, saying the action was unconstitutional.

The annexed property extends from the southern end of the island to Interstate 270, and includes sections of the interstate because the city will be annexing adjoining property.

At the time of the annexation, city officials said the reason for the annexation was to help

Trailnet Inc. renovate the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge as a pedestrian-bicycle trail, the annexation would also transfer jurisdiction over any landfill expansion from the county to the city.

City officials have also said they have been looking into the possibilities of recreational facilities on the island. Because of federal flood-related buyouts, much of the land on the island — especially north of Interstate 270 — cannot be used for anything other than green space, agriculture or recreation.

The annexations were made possible through legislation by State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville. Despite the Republican-controlled legislature, she was able to add an amendment to an existing bill to allow the annexations.

The amendment allows the city to bypass federally-owned land to reach the Chouteau Island property. However, the amendment is so narrowly written that it could apply only to the city of Madison, which prompted Haine's suit.

He said in his suit that because it was so narrowly written it may be unconstitutional. In suing the city, Haine said he was using his office's powers of Quo Warranto, which allows the state's attorney to question the constitutionality of state law.

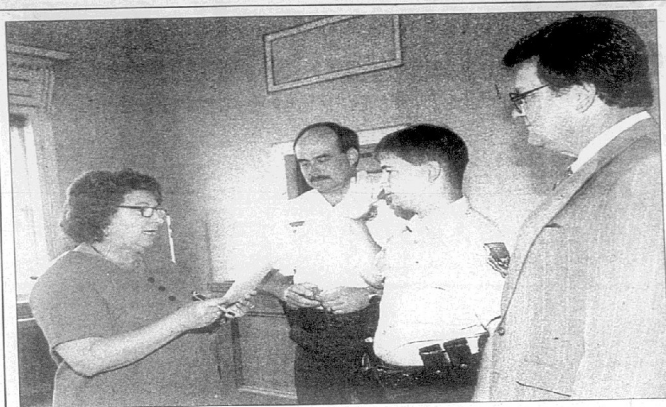
The complaint alleges the annexation violates the equal protection clauses of state and federal constitutions.

City officials have also said that if the annexation is upheld, they will probably approve some kind of a host agreement that had mean additional revenue for the city.

However, Waste Management Inc. had not indicated that it would seek an expansion of the landfill.

Some city officials have also said that if they are successful the city might stop dumping fees paid to the county by the landfill.

Under an agreement before the annexations, the city would not have touched the fees the county currently receives. However, because the County Board approved Haine's action, some city officials have said that agreement may have to be reconsidered.



JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

Swearing in — Granite City City Clerk Judy Whitaker, left, swears in new Police Officer Michael C. Parkinson, second from right. Flanking Parkinson are Police Chief David Ruebhausen, on his left, and Mayor Ron Solph, on his right. Parkinson, son of retired Granite City Postmaster Charlie Parkinson, has been a dispatcher with the Granite City Police Department for two years. He now starts ten weeks of training with the police academy at Belleville Area College and will be ready for solo patrol in six months.

House raffle slated

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois' Fourth Annual House Raffle will offer the opportunity to win a \$185,000 Cricklewold home, or \$120,000.

Only 3,500 raffle certificates will be sold at \$100 each. Those who enter by July 11 will be eligible for the Early Bird Bonus Drawing: a trip for two to Las Vegas.

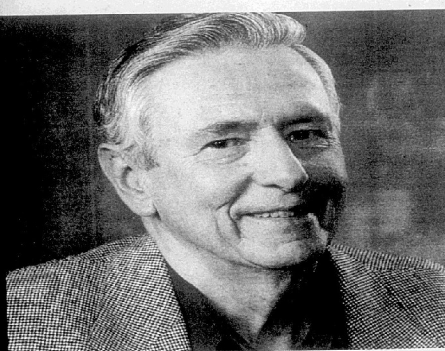
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By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

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For the Muny, MCT is offering an Alton and Edwardsville Muny Fan Run Express for Friday evening performances. The cost of the express is \$1.50 each way.

Service will be available for "Bye Bye Birdie" — June 26; Radio City Rockettes Muny Spectacular — July 10; "Peter Pan" — July 17; "Fiddler on the Roof" — July 24; "Crazy for You" — July 31; "Damn Yankees" — Aug. 7.

The Alton Muny Express will leave Alton Square at 6:35 p.m., with stops at the Alton Holiday Inn — 6:40 p.m., Eastgate Plaza — 6:50 p.m., Ferguson

son and First in Wood River — 6:55 p.m., the Granite City Transfer Center — 7:15 p.m., and Salisbury and Parnell streets — 7:23 p.m.

For Fair St. Louis, MCT will offer hourly shuttles from the Edwardsville/Collinsville and Alton/Tri-City areas.

The cost of the one-way shuttle is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children 5-12 years old.

The shuttles will operate July 3-5. On July 3, there will be a special 8 a.m. trip for the parade.

Regular shuttles will leave hourly beginning at 10 a.m.

Alton/Tri-City shuttles will stop at Alton Square, the Alton Holiday Inn, Eastgate Plaza, First and Ferguson in Wood River, the Granite City Transfer Center.

The last shuttles will leave at about 5:15 p.m. from Alton and 6 p.m. from Edwardsville, and will not return until after the fireworks unless there is a full passenger load.

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USS Indianapolis saga continues with drive

Survivor leads effort to exonerate captain

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The legacy of the USS Indianapolis and her skipper is one of the last battles of World War II to be fought.

Survivors and relatives of the men killed in the summer of 1945 want Capt. Charles B. McVay exonerated and a unit citation issued for the crew. One of those at the forefront is Paul Murphy, head of the USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization.

Murphy recently described what happened from his point of view.

After delivering the atomic bomb components to the Tinian Islands, the ship was ordered to Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. Capt. McVay asked for a destroyer escort, which was standard procedure.

"He was told it was not necessary and there were none available," Murphy said. "There was intelligence that there were Japanese subs in our path, and they had sunk a destroyer four days before."

"(But) they never indicated this to the captain," he said.

McVay was also told he could "zig zag" at his discretion. Zig zag was a tactic surface ships used designed to hamper submarine operations.

Late on July 29, McVay told the officer on duty to stop zig zagging, as there was a cloud cover and nothing could be seen. He left orders to be called immediately if conditions changed.

The Japanese sub I-58 surfaced at just the right time when the cloud cover lifted and the Indianapolis was silhouetted by the moon. Capt. Hashimoto saw the cruiser

was alone and fired six torpedoes.

Murphy himself was blown out of his bunk and soon jumped into oil-slickened water. The cruiser sank in 12 minutes after only getting off a garbled SOS that was received, but no repeat was requested and the radio operator's superior did nothing with the information.

For the last 35 years, survivors had assumed no SOS was broadcast because the torpedoes had knocked out the electrical system. However, research by 12-year-old Hunter Scott revealed there had been one.

By this time they were long overdue in

Leyte.

"We found out later... the duty officer knew we weren't there but did nothing," Murphy said.

"They sent no help out to find us. Approximately 900 men survived the attack, only to face days of floating helplessly in the water, fighting off fatigue, thirst, hunger, wounds and sharks. Finally, a pilot on a routine bomber patrol spotted the floaters, quite by accident."

"He was testing a device to increase the range of his radio. One of the cables holding the antennae broke," Murphy said. "He went back (in the plane) and looked straight down... and saw an oil slick."

At first, the pilot thought they were tracking a damaged submarine, but the oil slick lead him to a group of Indianapolis survivors. He returned to base and another pilot took off in a flyboat to find the survivors being attacked by sharks. Another flying boat joined in, and while one landed on the water in violation of regulations, the other circled and directed the other to more floaters.

"Immediately (the pilots learned) the Indianapolis was sunk," he said and they radioed out for all ships to come and pick up the rest of the survivors.

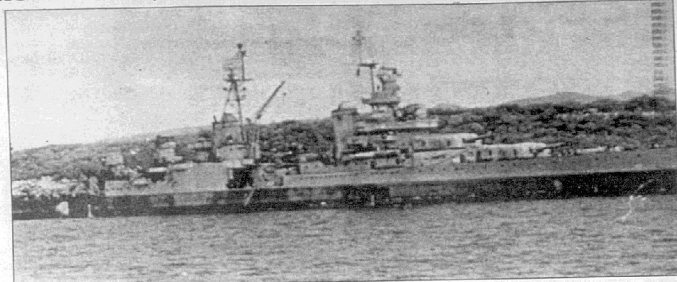
"The war was declared over Aug. 15, the same day the sinking of the Indianapolis was announced. Many of those parents expecting their boys home found out (they weren't coming home)," Murphy said, and were upset such a loss happened with the war all but over.

"(Some of) those parents had influence in Washington and raised Cain."

McVay was court-martialed for failing to zig zag to avoid submarine attack, even though Hashimoto himself was brought in to testify he could have sunk the cruiser no matter what McVay did.

Survivors maintain the court martial and Navy made McVay — a decorated veteran — out to be a scapegoat to cover up the Navy's failure to know the ship was overdue, thus delaying rescue efforts. Today, they are fighting to erase the guilt the Navy placed on McVay and return him to prominence.

For more on the story of the USS Indianapolis, visit the Indiana Historical Society's Web page at www.spcc.com/ihs/w/indisny.



The USS Indianapolis

•Ship

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"(We) all told how Capt. McVay was made the scapegoat in the court martial."

Survivors have been trying for almost half a century to get the court martial overturned, he said, "but we never got the attention this boy has."

This project got the attention of several media outlets, including *The New York Times* in May. He's appeared on numerous TV shows and in *People Magazine*, generating support and interest in the USS Indianapolis.

Hunter, who Murphy described as a determined, intelligent and polite young fellow, produced a project of all his research, which he showed to Indianapolis survivors at their 1997 reunion, and then talked with his congressman, Rep. Scarborough of Florida.

Scarborough introduced a resolution in Congress to overturn the court martial and issue a presidential unit citation for the Indianapolis crew.

"Almost 50 congressmen are sponsors on the bill," Murphy said. HR 3710 is pending in the U.S. House, and has the interest of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Several senators are also poised to sign on to a Senate version of the bill.

Letters by the bushel are being sent to all the various House members, including Illinois Reps. Jerry Costello and John Shimkus.

For more information on the

Survivors Organization, call

Murphy at (303) 469-9503.

"It looks like we can be pretty optimistic (about its passage)," Murphy said. "The only ones objecting to it is

the Navy.

"But maybe the Navy will step back and let it happen," he said.



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Sheriff announces promotions

Sheriff Bob Churchich has announced the promotions of Sheriff's Department deputies STEPHEN P. NORDY, 46, of Granite City, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and serves in the Investigation Division as a supervisor. He is a 25-year veteran.

LEONARD D. SUHRE, 46, of Alhambra, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and will continue to serve as a supervisor in the Investi-

gation Division. HERMAN R. WEISENBORN, 44, of Granite City, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Investigation Division. He has served for 21 years.

MICHAEL A. STAICOFF, 43, of Granite City, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Patrol Division, and he has served 17 years.

•Honor

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Edgar said.

"The spirit of our state's volunteers provides the foundation for the outstanding quality of life we enjoy in Illinois. The energy, enthusiasm and dedication they contribute is making a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens," said Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra. "But without their efforts, many of the services we take for grant-

ed would not exist."

The volunteers recognized built playgrounds, helped youths find positive outlets for their energies and talents, gave senior citizens new hope and respect, reached out to preserve history and nature, and to provide cultural, recreational and educational opportunities, Kustra said.

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs administers the Home Town Awards. The judges who evaluate the applications and choose the winners are themselves volunteers.

Other winners were The Land of Goshen Community

Market in Edwardsville, which won second place in economic development for cities with population between 12,001 and 25,000. The Bucket Brigade in Alton won general award second place in the 25,001 to 36,000 population category, for volunteers who paint homes of seniors unable to keep up their homes by themselves.

The year's top award, the 1998 Governor's Cup, went to the Village of Ullin for the volunteer efforts that contributed to the establishment of an apartment complex.

some tips to protect yourself:

- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the time rays are most intense.
- Use sunscreen even on cloudy days. Eighty percent of the sun's rays still shine through.
- Be aware that sun rays are reflected off water, sand and concrete.
- Avoid yard work and other strenuous activities if possible, or do them first thing in the morning or later in the day if necessary.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages. Drink plenty of water instead.

•Heat

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atures can be life-threatening. One obvious way to beat the heat is to enjoy it with an activity like swimming.

The Gaslight Tennis and Bath Club is open, and Collinsville Area Recreation District's Splash City water park is set to mark its first day of business Saturday.

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SPORTS

Can Post 365 weather storm?

Continuity needed, coach says

BASEBALL

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Not since the Great Flood of 1993 has the weather greatly effected summer legion baseball.

For Collinsville Post 365 skipper Steve Helmkamp, the start to the season has been a difficult one. Four non-league games have been either canceled or rained out and those contests will not be made up. Five District 22 ballgames have either been postponed or called because of wet field conditions.

Post 365 (3-2 overall and 2-1 in league play) is still searching for some continuity.

"All the ones that are league games have to be made up," Helmkamp said. "We're so backed up now we don't know if we will have enough arms to play Edwardsville next Tuesday."

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Steve Helmkamp

"Continuity has been a problem, but we're starting to understand what we have got now. We have got five games in."

Post 365 finally played back-to-back games for the first time—Sunday (O'Fallon) and Monday (Tri-City)—this summer. At this point, the best thing for Collinsville would be the chance to play a long stretch of games to work out the bugsaboos.

The legion lineup is almost a

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Region 10 scores high on talent

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

There are plenty of seasoned players on the 1998 Region 10 Southwestern North scholastic men's Prairie State Games soccer team.

Five of the players on the squad have tasted the glory of playing in the championship game of the Illinois High School Association Class AA state soccer tournament in the past two years. The big question for the Region 10 team is how well all of the talent and personalities blend together.

Defender Tim Litzitz and forward Justin Huneke both played for the Edwardsville High squad that upset St. Charles last fall in the state semifinals and wound up bringing home a second-place trophy. They both bring plenty of experience to the table for the Region 10 squad.

Kit Gaither, along with brothers

SOCCER

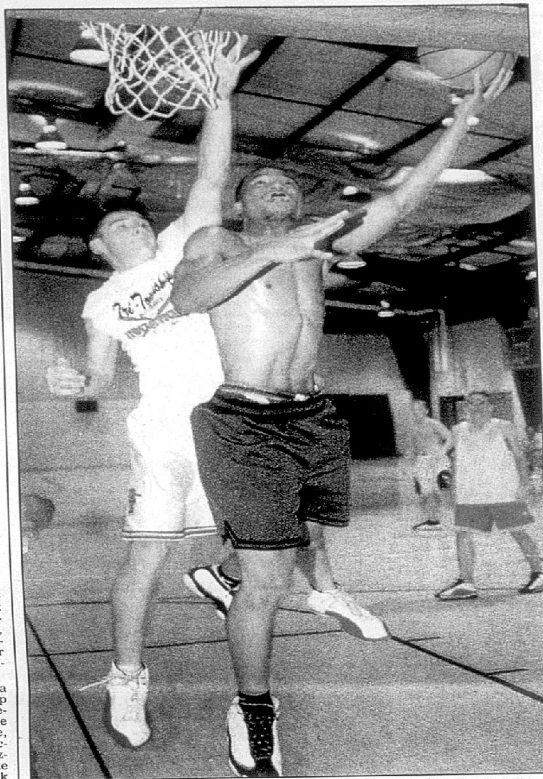
Jeff and Dave Rhymer, were members of the Collinsville High unit that finished second at the state tournament in 1996. Gaither is a crafty, play-making midfielder. Dave Rhymer is a strong defender, while brother Jeff Rhymer will be expected to handle quite a bit of the scoring load.

Triad High senior Todd Bruns, a pure goal scorer, will join Jeff up top to give the Region 10 squad an awesome one-two scoring punch. Mike Lenglet, midfielder, and Jay Bayne, defender, round out the Triad connection on the team. Lenglet, who utilizes his 6-foot-2 frame, is a formidable force in the midfield. Bayne is a rock steady defender.

Southwestern North coach Norm Seim has the luxury of going with an entire Granite City High look in the

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Local teams slammed



O'Fallon's Shawn Riley drives to the basket against Shawn Byrne during the Summer Slam, held June 18-22 at BAC. Triad was 1-3 for the event.

Triad, Collinsville struggle in tourney

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Once again, the Summer Slam was a smashing success.

The fifth annual boys basketball tournament featuring 16 of the top high school teams from southern Illinois and the St. Louis, was held June 18-22 at Belleville Area College. Class A power Nashville defeated Class AA Mount Vernon 58-47 in the championship game.

(Mount Vernon senior standout) Kent Williams was in a baseball tournament Saturday, and him not being there made a big difference," said Althoff assistant coach Don Haida, who organized the Summer Slam along with Belleville West coach Bill Schmidt. "Without him, they fall off a notch, and you can't afford that against Nashville. (Nash-

BASKETBALL

ville) has three or four kids step up in every game. They've been in midseason form for 2 1/2 years."

In the third-place game, Alton edged Southwestern Conference rival Belleville East 55-53. The Redbirds lost 46-40 in overtime to Nashville in the semifinals, while East lost 52-37 to Mount Vernon.

"Add Edwardsville to the mix and (the SWC) should be another good race," Haida said. "There was a lot of parity in this tournament, and we had pretty good attendance. It was as good as any Summer Slam we've had."

Schmidt was equally pleased with the tourney.

"The level of play was consistently good in all games," Schmidt said. "Cahokia (which bounced back from a first-round loss to Nashville to win the consolation title) played well. DeMarcus Brown really looked good."

"Nashville played like they haven't missed a beat since their trip to state last year. Kent Williams is the real deal for Mount Vernon. He's the best player in the tournament."

"Overall, it was another good experience for the fans watching and the kids playing."

Many of the teams to reach the semifinals or championship game of the first four Summer Slams have gone on to reach the super-sectionals or the state tournament during

(See SLAM, Page 3B)

Scrappy squad starts off strong

Young Troy Legion team now 3-1

"This is not going to be a team which hits a lot of home runs. But we are able to put the ball in play."

Bud Kreitner
Troy coach

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

The Troy American Legion baseball team may be small in stature, but they are coming up big early this summer.

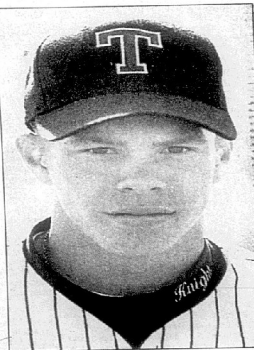
"We're probably the smallest team in the area," Troy coach Bud Kreitner said. "But we're going to be able to give the big boys some competition this summer. These guys only lost to Edwardsville 3-2 during the high school season."

The Troy team is comprised entirely of players from the Triad High School baseball team, which gave the undefeated and nationally ranked Edwardsville team one of their biggest tests of the spring.

A young team, Troy has just two seniors, and both of them will be eligible to play again next summer. The squad has a 3-1 start this summer after a 15-5 victory over East St. Louis Friday night.

Troy opened the season with a 4-1 victory over Highland. It suffered its only loss against Nashville 3-1 but bounced back with a wins over Smithton (9-5).

Troy expects to remain competitive, especially with Dave Jablonski or Wayne Hubert on the mound. Jablonski pitched complete games against both Highland and Nashville. He made a couple of mistakes against Nashville by giving up back-to-back home runs, one a two-run



Trevor Yates

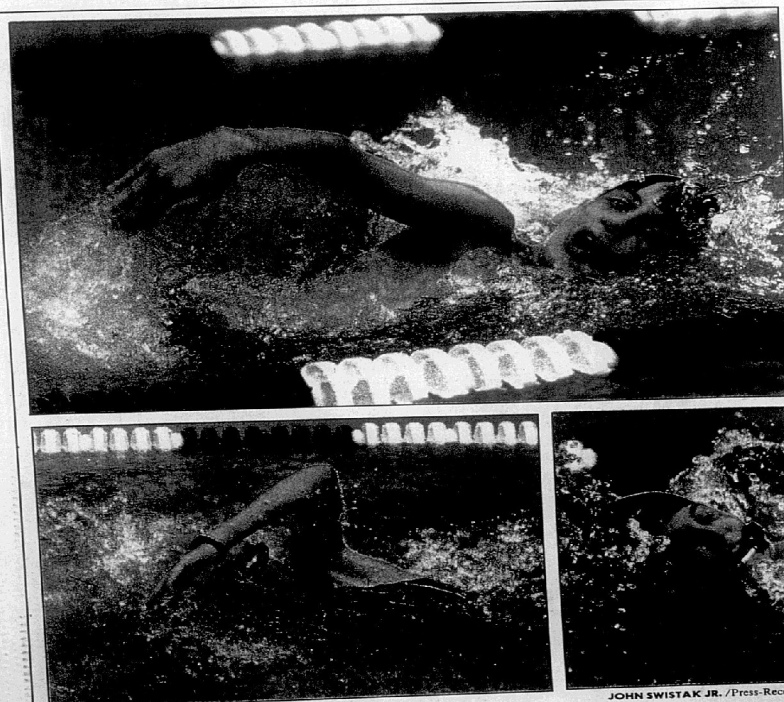
shot, in the 3-1 loss. But other than those two pitches, he has allowed only one run in 14 innings.

"Complete games are going to be important as we will be playing almost every day from now on," Kreitner said. "Dave has good control and he changes speeds well. He is also a real competitor. He doesn't want to come out of the game."

Hubert has yet to start a game this summer, but he was effective in the Smithton game when he entered the game in the third inning and pitched five scoreless frames.

The rest of the pitching staff is a question mark. However, Mike Reinacher did a good job of throwing strikes and went the distance in the

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JOHN SWISTAK JR./Press-Record

Making strides —The Gaslight Gators swimming team opened the 1998 swimming season with a meet June 18. At top, Kevin Theiss competes in the boys 9-10 freestyle; above left, Ericka Wise competes in the girls 11-12 50 freestyle; Above right, Daniel Suarez in the boys 11-12 100 free. For results, see Page 2B.

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carbon copy of the high school team's roster. Missing from the team are Justin Krausz, who was too old to play, and Brady Bruhn.

The new faces are David Cronovich, who can play either second base or the outfield, and 1997 CHS graduate Kent Muniz, who finished his first season of collegiate ball at Belleville Area College. Muniz currently is playing left field for Post 365. His specialty is catching and first base.

The rest of the squad includes Wayne Astrauskas, Charlie Johnson, Kenny "Big Country" Lutz, "Jazzy" Jeff Slaznik, Justin "Chipper" Clayton, Derrick Cox, Nick Jones, Derek LeMaster, Dan Munoz, Matt "Shoe" Parker, Dane Thebeau, Jerry Tipton and Keith Mumper.

In the past, pitching has been Post 365's forte. This season, the team should be OK with Lutz and Johnson leading the way, but Helmkamp does have some concerns with the staff.

"I don't think we are real deep, but I like the pitchers that we have got," Helmkamp said. "Charlie didn't pitch a lot. Jerry didn't pitch a lot in high school. They will give us a lot of innings. We'll be OK."

Parker looked strong in his three starts for the high school

team. Russell and Clayton can also give the team some quality innings. Jones and Munoz can also pitch if needed.

Handling the pitching staff will be Astrauskas. Muniz will spell Astrauskas at times and LeMaster can be used behind the plate.

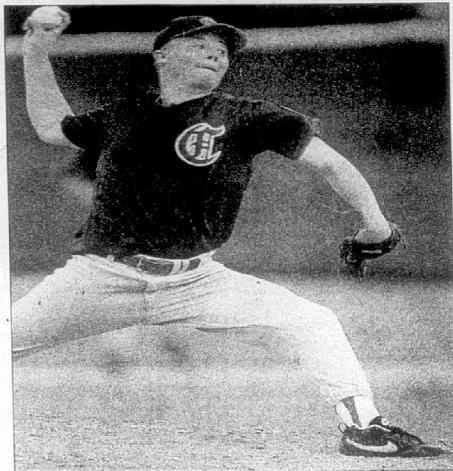
The outfield is strong with Muniz in left, Russell in center and Jones in right field. The infield features Thebeau at third, Munoz at shortstop, Slaznik at second and Lutz or Muniz at first.

Offensively, Post 365 will score its fair share of runs. The one pressing need is a lead-off hitter.

"We experimented with Munoz there the first three games. He was struggling a little bit. He was trying to do too much," Helmkamp said. "We put Nick Jones there. He had a couple of hits (Sunday). He has a little speed. Hopefully that works out."

Collinsville definitely needs a table setter. The number two through six hitters in the lineup are as good as any other team in the area. Munoz bats second followed by Lutz, Muniz, Astrauskas and Slaznik.

"They probably as good as anybody around," Helmkamp said. "Obviously we need production out of the bottom lineup. We got a little bit (Sunday), which was encouraging."



Post 365 coach Steve Helmkamp hopes to get some quality innings from pitcher Charles Johnson. Helmkamp is concerned about his pitching staff due to a lack of depth.

Slam

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the high school season.

"Alton had a great tournament without having a coach," Haida said, referring to former Redbirds coach Ron Smith, who recently left to take an assistant coach's job at Northern Iowa University.

"Belleville East has a smothering full-court press. Their offense is their defense. They can be a coach's nightmare."

"I expected Nashville and Mount Vernon to get to the final four. Who would be surprised to see them in the elite eight next season?"

Cahokia beat St. Louis University High 57-50 in the consolation championship game to the finish the tournament with a 3-1 record. Other local squads in the Summer Slam included:

- O'Fallon, which had a 2-2 record and placed sixth;
 - Belleville West, 2-2, seventh place;
 - Collinsville, 1-3, eighth place;
 - Gibault, 1-3, third place in consolation;
 - Alton, 2-2, fifth place in consolation;
 - Mascoutah, 1-3, sixth place in consolation;
 - Triad, 1-3, seventh place in consolation.
- Due to conflicts with baseball, other basket-

"Add Edwardsville to the mix and (the SWC) should be another good race."

Don Haida

Summer Slam co-organizer

ball tournaments and various other commitments, some teams didn't have all of their players.

"An event like this has become important enough that most teams have their full rosters, or at least most of their top players," Haida said. "That makes it more legitimate and more competitive."

"We also had great officiating. Dick Condry, the officials coordinator for the Great Rivers Athletic Conference, did a great job of lining up officials for this tournament."

A new Summer Slam, for Class A boys teams and smaller Class AA schools, will be held July 11-12 at the Family Sportsplex in Belleville. The third annual Lady Slam, for girls prep teams, will be July 18-19 at the Sportsplex.

plays in the field that Gary Gaetti would be proud of."

Hubert is starting at first base when not on the mound, and Justin McBride, who hits third and is the best all-around player on the team according to Kreitner, is at second.

Trevor Yates, who brings speed to a squad with only average quickness, starts in

left field with Todd Baebler in center and Ryan Reid in right.

"This is not going to be a team which hits a lot of home runs," Kreitner said. "But we are able to put the ball in play. We don't have a lot of strikeouts. It's been an enjoyable start to the season. They have been a real cooperative bunch of guys."

the team as the field general from his midfield position.

The rest of the team features goalkeeper Joel Cowan of Alton and his Redbird teammates Adam Snyder (defend-

er), Chat Greenwood (midfielder), Tony Calabrese (midfielder) and Wood River's Ian Martin. Matt Siegel of Collinsville is an alternate on the squad.

SOCCER BRIEFS

Soccer tryouts

The Collinsville United Purple Crush girls under-14 select soccer team will conduct open tryouts 6-8 p.m. July 7, 9, 21 and 23 at the Van Fossen/Collinsville United Soccer Complex in Collinsville. Players must bring a copy of birth certificate and a soccer ball. For information, call 344-4132, 345-0188 or 344-2053.

The Collinsville United Clash U-13 boys select/competitive soccer team will conduct tryouts for the 1998-99 season. Boys interested in playing should be born after Aug. 1, 1985. Bring a soccer ball, shin guards and water bottle. Tryouts will be held 6:30-8 p.m. July 21-22 with an alternate rain date July 23 at Van Fossen Fields. For more information call 344-0798 or 344-9359.

The Granite City Elks under-11 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts for 1998-99 season. Tryouts will be held 6:30-8 p.m. July 23 at Van Fossen Fields. For information or pre-registration, call 931-9119.

The Collinsville United Spirit 82 girls select soccer team is holding open tryouts for all positions for the 1998-99 season. Tryouts will be held at Van Fossen Fields from 6:30-8 p.m. July 15-16. Girls eligible must be born after Aug. 1, 1980. Bring a copy of a birth certificate and picture. For more information call 344-4026 or 931-6012.

The Metro FC Soccer Club will conduct soccer tryouts at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club Complex (Bluff Road) on the campus of SIU-Edwardsville.

Players must bring soccer balls, small picture and copy of birth certificate. Tryout times are: 9-year-old boys, June 21 (5:30-7 p.m.); 10 boys, June 22 and July 1 (5:30-7 p.m.); 11 boys, June 23 and July 2 (5:30-7 p.m.); 12 boys, June 23 and July 2 (5:30-7 p.m.) and July 12 (12:13-1:30 p.m.); 13 boys, June 22 and July 1 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (1:30-3 p.m.); 14 boys, June 23 and July 2 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (1:30-3 p.m.); 15 boys, July 2 (3:40-5 p.m.) and July 12 (3:40-5 p.m.); 16 boys, July 6 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (3:40-5 p.m.); 17 boys, July 6 (3:40-5 p.m.) and July 12 (3:40-5 p.m.); 18 boys, July 6 (3:40-5 p.m.) and July 12 (3:40-5 p.m.); 19-year-old girls, June 22 and July 1 (5:30-7 p.m.); 10 girls, June 22 and July 1 (5:30-7 p.m.); 11 girls, June 23 and July 2 (5:30-7 p.m.); 12 girls, June 23 and July 2 (5:30-7 p.m.) and July 12 (12 noon-1:30 p.m.); 13 girls, June 23 and July 1 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (12 noon-1:30 p.m.).

noon-1:30 p.m.); 14 girls, June 23 and July 1 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (1:30-3 p.m.); 15 girls, June 24 and July 6 (5:30-7 p.m.) and July 12 (1:30-3 p.m.); 16 girls, June 24 and July 6 (7:30-9 p.m.) and July 12 (3:40-5 p.m.). Mixed age group tryout date July 18 for those that cannot attend age group tryouts. Ages 12 boys and girls, 9-10:30 a.m.; 13-15 boys and girls and 18 girls, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Newly formed Collinsville United under-12 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 1, 1998. Bring copy of birth certificate and soccer ball. For information, call 931-8332.

The Collinsville United under-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 7, 9 and 14 (7-9:30 a.m. each day) at the Van Fossen Soccer Complex. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, should bring a soccer ball, picture and soccer ball. For information, call 344-8345.

The Collinsville United Apex U-13 boys soccer team will have tryouts from 6-8 p.m. July 15-16 at the new CUSC Fields in Collinsville. Applicants born after Aug. 1, 1985 should bring a soccer ball, birth certificate, and a recent school photo. For more information call 345-7347.

The Team Olympians under-16 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 1 (6:30-8 p.m.) and July 11 (9-11 a.m.) at SIUE soccer fields. For information, call 667-2745 or 288-6923.

The Mendoza Sting under-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 9 (6 p.m.) and July 11 (10 a.m.) at Sugarloaf Golf Course, located on Sugarloaf Road off I-57 in Collinsville. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, should bring a birth certificate and soccer ball. For information, call 931-0576 or 667-7625.

The Southwest Select Ambush under-11 boys soccer team will conduct tryouts July 1 (5:30-7 p.m.) and Aug. 1 (3:40-5 p.m.) at Horseshoe Lake. Boys born in 1988 or after Aug. 1, 1987, are eligible and should bring a birth certificate, photo and soccer ball. For information, call 345-6036.

The OBC Flames girls under-15 select soccer team is conducting tryouts July 7, 11, 14 and 18 in Belleville. O'Fallon Girls must be born after Aug. 1, 1983. For information, call 398-3077, voice mail ext. 211; or 397-0229 during evenings.

Hayes wins award at Saluki camp

SWIMMING

Ashley Hayes of Collinsville was an award-winner recently at the Saluki Swim Camp at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Hayes, 12, was the winner of the "Great Kick Award" for excellence at the week-long camp held on the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale campus. Campers ranged in age from 8 to 18 and came from all over the Midwest.

They were housed in the SIUC athletic dormitories. Swimmers took part in daily start, turn and stroke sessions, using SIUC's training methods. Among the techniques utilized were anaerobic threshold training, interval training, hypoxic training, day-and-night training, lactate tolerance training, sprint training, race strategy, aerobic training, flexibility and stroke drills.

In addition, swimmers' strokes were videotaped from three views: underwater, pool level and aerial views with stroke correction critiques provided by coaches.

The camp was directed by Saluki men's swimming team coach Rick Walker and Saluki women's swimming and diving



Ashley Hayes

team coach Mark Klumpp, with assistance from members of the Saluki swim teams. All training sessions were held in the 10-lane, 50-meter indoor Student Recreation Center pool, the home of the Salukis.

The "Great Kick Award" won by Hayes was given by the coaching staff in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement at the camp.

Hayes swims year-round for the Edwardsville Breakers swim team as well as for the Granite City Breakers of Collinsville during the summer season. She will be a seventh-grader this fall at North Junior High in Collinsville.

Troy

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five-inning win over East St. Louis.

Kreitner also has been impressed early in the season with the defense of catcher Craig Knabe.

"I'm letting Craig call the pitches and he's done a very

excellent job," Kreitner said. The infield defense, especially the left side with shortstop Jared Hayes and third baseman Andy Lewis, has been solid.

"Jared Hayes is only a sophomore, and he's improved so much from last year," Kreitner said. "And Andy Lewis has already made a couple of

Soccer

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backfield.

Corey Winfield, Jason Hile-

man, Ian Kessel and Chris Mertz are all in the 5-6 to 5-8 range and with plenty of quickness and ball control. Josh Hickam is also on the roster. Hickam will most likely guide

the team as the field general from his midfield position.

The rest of the team features goalkeeper Joel Cowan of Alton and his Redbird teammates Adam Snyder (defend-

er), Chat Greenwood (midfielder), Tony Calabrese (midfielder) and Wood River's Ian Martin. Matt Siegel of Collinsville is an alternate on the squad.

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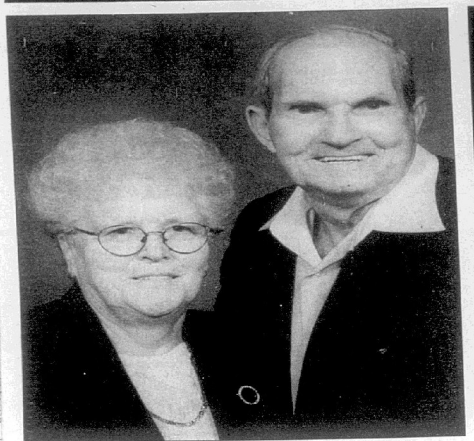
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FAMILY



Thelma and Lucy Rushing

Rushing — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy (Thelma) Rushing of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on June 12, 1998, at Ryan's Steakhouse.

Mr. Rushing is retired from Granite City Steel. Mrs. Rushing is retired from Granite City School District.

The celebration was given by their children and spouses: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mink Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Erway and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rushing.

Attending were Cathy Stearns and fiancée Brian Withers; Mark Kress and fiancée Missy Everts; Jennifer Kress; Chris Stearns and wife, Barbi and daughters, Breauna and Paige; Gretchen Winfield and daughter, Donna; Mink; Robert Mink III; Randy Rushing and daughter, Elise; Jason Stearns; Greg Stearns; Mr. and Mrs. James Dowdy; Clint Rushing; and Bertha Dix.



Dorothy and Louis Sbabo

Sbabo — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Dorothy) Sbabo of Madison celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on April 18 at Charlie's Restaurant and Lounge.

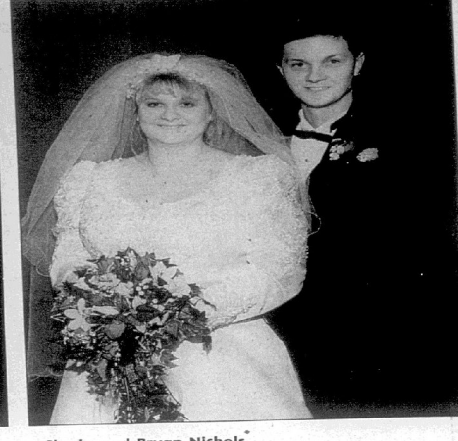
They were married March 5, 1948, in Madison.

Mr. Sbabo is a retired crane operator from Laclede Steel. Mrs. Sbabo is a retired cashier from the 1st National Bank of Madison.

The Sbabos are the parents of Richard Sbabo and the grandparents of Erica Sbabo, both of Granite City.

Contact us for wedding forms

Forms for free bridal announcements are available at the paper, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. Contact us at 876-2000.



Shurle and Bryan Nichols

Schmidt-Nichols

Shurle Lynn Schmidt and Bryan Keith Nichols were married Feb. 21, 1998, at New Life Christian Fellowship in Granite City by the Rev. Jeff Smith.

The bride is the daughter of James and Sandy Schmidt of Granite City. She is employed as a medical assistant at a doctor's office in Alton.

The groom is the son of Mary Anderson of Granite City. He graduated from Granite City High School in 1991. He is employed by A.C. Edwards and Sons as inventory controller.

Angel Brown of Mt. Vernon attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michele Shemona of Hartford and Amy Barnhart and Jamie Schmidt, both of Granite City. Britney Barnhart of Granite City was the junior bridesmaid and Britany Riddle of Granite City was the flower girl.

Damon Wolf of Granite City stood with his friend as best man. Groomsmen were Ryan Mueller and Dan Partney, both of St. Louis, and Matt Dresner of St. Charles, Mo. Kyle Schmidt of Granite City was the junior groom and Justice Nichols of Granite City was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Allen Barnhart and Patrick Schmidt, both of Granite City.

Following a reception at the Polish Hall, the couple resides in Granite City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses recently were issued through the office of Mark Von Nica, Madison County clerk:

Larry Charles Ambuhl and Rita Jeanne Bond, both of Edwardsville.

George Franklin Arnold and Marion Frances Arnold, both of Granite City.

Sean Alan Asbeck of Collinsville and Kristi Lyn Kee of Maryville.

Joseph Bryce Badalamenti of Edwardsville and Lucinda Lee Traut of Collinsville.

Steven James Bancroft of Collinsville and Lora Lynn Astorian of Granite City.

Mark Allen Benham and Dawn Marie Kazban, both of Collinsville.

Richard Scott Bledsoe and Christy Michelle Mowell, both of Granite City.

Michael Anthony Boley and Maribeth Ord, both of Breese.

Mark Alan Brewer and Robin Delynn Grogan, both of Granite City.

Matthew Richard Brockmann and Lisa Paige Kubick, both of Collinsville.

Daniel Karl Bronnbauer and Brandy Michelle Clemons, both of Granite City.

Kurtis Allen Brown and Tonya Michelle Manka, both of Moro.

William Allen Brown and Julie Ann Block, both of Collinsville.

Andrew James Burns and Kevin Michelle Barnett, both of Edwardsville.

Donald Dean Carroll Jr. of Poca, Montas and Deanna Marie Sveda of Glen Carbon.

Kade Preston Cole of Edwardsville and Amber Lynn Pape of Dorsey.

Christopher Andrew Cooper and Angela Kay Bridges, both of Granite City.

Paul C. Cordova and Tammy Marie Kite, both of Granite City.

Stephen Gale Cozart and Katrina Michelle Foster, both of Granite City.

William Randall Denny and Deborah Jean Dimonte, both of Collinsville.

Larry Darin Dunnagan of Dorsey and Norela Ann Ethridge of Manchester, Mo.

James Andrew Eads and Rhonda Jane Jenkins, both of Collinsville.

Ryan James Edwards of Staunton and April Marie Elkins of Worden.

Edward Francis Fansher of East Alton and Judith Ann Von Mida of Granite City.

Paul Bernard Fields of Breese and Angela Rose Huelskamp of Highland.

Raymond Eugene Fields of Belleville and Gayle Ann Clark of East Alton.

Timothy Aaron Fike of Collinsville and Hollie Nicole Wilson of Troy.

Timothy Wade Gardner of Venice and Susan Wentworth Munn of St. Louis.

Robert Wayne Gerber and Melinda Gay Lewis, both of Granite City.

Michael Lynn Gibbs and Judy Lorraine Gibbs, both of Granite City.

Timothy Donald Greenwood and Shelley Kay Sigham, both of Maryville.

David Michael Gregory and Vane-to Jo Eaves, both of Edwardsville.

Kim Adney Gregory and Deborah Kaye Gregory, both of Collinsville.

Terry O'Neil Hamm and Dabara Darine Biggs, both of Granite City.

Donald Steven Harris Jr. and Heather Rose Slotta, both of Granite City.

Robert Lee Hatter II and Fran-zette Dean Edmond, both of Belleville.

Richard John Hauschild of Collinsville and Jennifer Renee Linafelter of Glen Carbon.

Reynolds Christosom Hayden III of Edwardsville and Kimberly Suzanne Davis of East Alton.

Mark Andrew Heine and Mia Mag-lic Underwood, both of Belleville.

Michael Anthony Homann and Melissa Ann Symons, both of Troy.

Anthonyus Lamont Higgins of Madison and Telesia Johnson of Milwaukee, Wis.

Thomas Edwin Hilligosa and Renee Sue Murphy, both of Pontoon Beach.

Binh Thai Hong and Phuong Lam, both of Collinsville.

Kory John Huffer and Lisa Marie Furr, both of Edwardsville.

Afzal Hussain and Rubina Talat, both of Edwardsville.

Lance Thomas Isbell of Staunton and Traci Lue Mielke of Worden.

Joshua Ruben Jobe and Kristin Jane Pearson, both of Troy.

Andrew Lee Johnson and Heather Dawn Riggs, both of Pontoon Beach.

Drew Alan Johnson and Angel Elizabeth Broughman, both of Granite City.

Walter Michael Johnson and Sally Ann Brown, both of Granite City.

Steven Wayne Jones and Karen Rose Thompson, both of Granite City.

Charles Norman Jorgenson III and Cynthia Jean Linn, both of Edwardsville.

Joshua David Kahn of Granite City and Jennifer Elaine Lopez of Edwardsville.

Ricky Donald Knight and Margaret Lesann Mayes, both of Granite City.

Brian Keith Kohlmeier of Edwardsville and Tracy Ann Sedace of Glen Carbon.

Larry Dean Langendorf of Dorsey and Jane Marie Dempsey of Alton.

Joseph Richard Latimette and Denise Lynn Monroe, both of Collinsville.

Michael James Lipchik and Alisa Marie Slater, both of Pontoon Beach.

Michael Scott Long and Deborah Lynn Tillman, both of Granite City.

John Lowry Jr. and Toni Marie Patton, both of Granite City.

Norman Paul Maltzer and Patricia Marie Maltzer, both of Collinsville.

Daniel Lee Marler and Erin Lee Fitzler, both of Granite City.

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Jonathan Daniel McFarland and Kristen Lynn Isenhardt, both of Edwardsville.

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James Benton Richardson of Maryville and Marjorie Gail Canaday of Alton.

Brian Keith Richter and Sara Jean Thompson, both of Collinsville.

Michael Andrew Roe of Belleville and Natasha Kubah Tottleben of Edwardsville.

Jason Paul Sauer and Melinda Ann Henke, both of Granite City.

Carl Loel Schubert and Stephanie Renee Walden, both of Granite City.

Gary Lee Schumacher of Edwardsville and Donna Jean Embrey of Maryville.

Christopher Alan Schvertman and Karie Ann Klette, both of Edwardsville.

Duane Shemwell and Jacqueline Shemwell, both of Granite City.

BIRTHS

Jordan James

GREG AND PRISCILLA JAMES of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Jordan Thomas James was born May 10, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and joins Justin, age 2.

Vernon and Doris Brown of Granite City are his maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Lee and Phyllis James of Granite City.

Dylan Griffith

W. PAT AND AMY GRIFFITH of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Dylan Patrick Griffith was born at 12:55 a.m. May 16, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.

Teresa Staicoff of Granite City is his maternal grandmother.

The paternal grandmother is Charlotte Griffith of Bond.

Austin Loyd

TERRY AND TINA LOYD of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Austin Thomas was born at 9:45 p.m. Feb. 18, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Gus and Gloria Palmisano of Granite City.

Gloria Graham of Madison and the late Charles Loyd are the paternal grandparents.

The Journal will publish birth announcements up to six weeks following a child's birth. Although most birth announcements are received from local hospitals, birth announcements may be sent to the newspaper at 1815 Delmar, Granite City, 62040.

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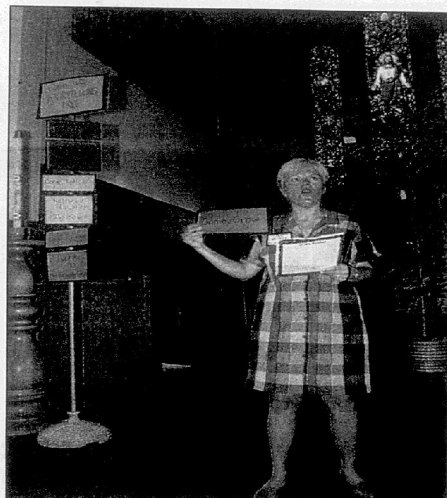
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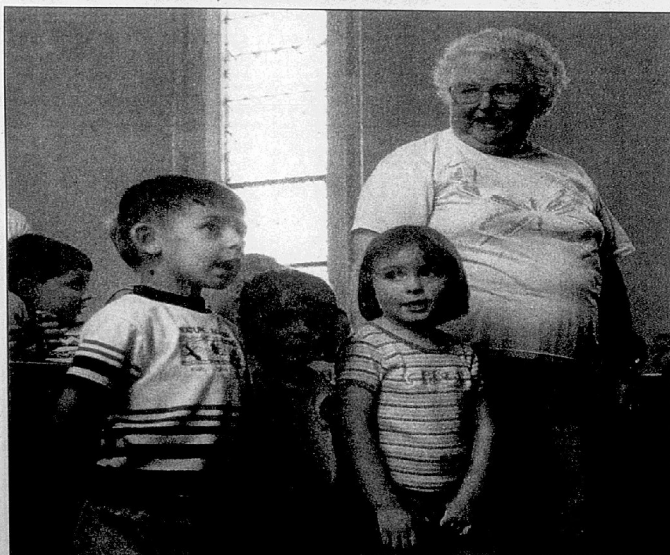
Bible Camp comes alive



Kimberly Kostoff, 4, at left, sits on instructor Heidi Duffin's knee while singing children's songs based on the Bible during Bible Camp last week at St. John United Church of Christ. Above, Meredith Milner and Kasie Dean, both 9, watch as Katie Holtzschor, 10, draws a border around part of a banner the children at the camp were making to illustrate the story of the mustard seed.

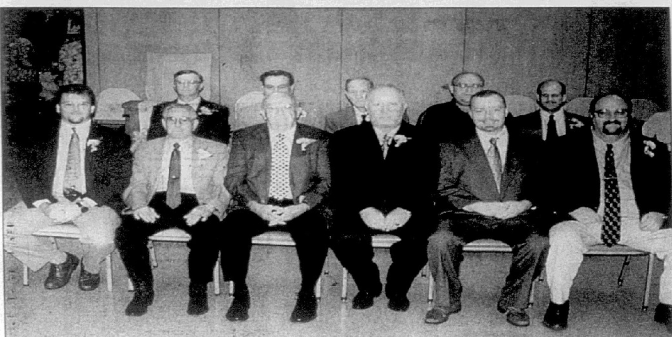


Above left, Bible camp director Lynn Reiter tells the children the story of the mustard seed that was discarded but grew into a beautiful tree. Above right, the children work on their banner. Far left, Troy Garcia, 3, Evan Buenger, 2, and Josie Lourwood, 3, sing hymns under the proud gaze of their instructor, Dolores Gaines. At left above, Tara Sparks and Kellie Heath, both 7, decorate photos of themselves declaring that they are children of God. Below left, Sarah Totten, 6, and Kellie Heath, 7, left, and Elisha Steward, 8, right, wait while instructor Donna Brooks puts the finish on their photos with a bit of glitter.



Photos by John Frese

FAMILY



Eagles Aerie 1126 officers are, front row, from left, Conductor Jack D. Krug; Treasurer Bob Sanders; Kenneth Spencer, Secretary; Chaplin Randall Odum; Vice President Randy Odum Sr.; and Junior Past President Jim Boyd. Back row, from left, Aerie President Robert Gregonis; One Year Trustee Craig Nyers; Two Year Trustee Chuck Stokes; Three Year Trustee Gene Reinhardt; protom Elmer Jackson; and Inside Guard John Pashedag.

Eagles Aerie, Auxiliary gather to install officers

A joint installation of Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary officers for the term of 1996-1997 was conducted May 30 in the Eagles Aerie 1126 hall.

Officers installed were as follows:

Auxiliary Junior Past President Mildred Boyd; Auxiliary Madam President Nina Jackson; Auxiliary Vice President Sue Rogers; Chaplin Barbara Modrusic; Conductor Angie Buehler; Inside Guard Laverne Malzynski; Outside Guard Mary Church; Secretary Vincine Zerlan; Treasurer Katie Kostoff; One Year Trustee Martha Simpson; protom Florence (Fuzz) Hagnuer; Two Year Trustee Flo Stokes; protom Joanna Spencer; and Three Year Trustee Ann Pates.

Aerie officers installed were Aerie Junior Past President Jim Boyd; Aerie Worthy President Bob Gregonis; Vice President Randy Odum Sr.; Chaplin Randall Odum; Conductor Jack D. Krug; Treasurer Bob Sanders; Secretary Ken Spencer; Inside Guard John Pashedag; Three Year Trustee Gene Reinhardt; Two Year Trustee Chuck Stokes; One Year Trustee Craig Nyers; Aerie Eagle of the Year Bob Hogan.

The Grand Installing Conductors Aerie Jake (Cowboy) Jacobs and Auxiliary Billie Schuller led officers elect to the altar, a pledge was said by all and vocalist Paula Hubbard sang "Proud to be an American."

Conductors escorted installing Grand Madam and Worthy Presidents Flo Stokes and Don Horn to their chairs.

Vocalist Hubbard and pianist Dolores Barber sang and played the following: Auxiliary Junior Past President Mildred Boyd chose "Sunset, Sunrise," and



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Worthy Aerie President chose "This Land is Your Land." Incoming Auxiliary President Nina Jackson chose "Wind Beneath My Wings." Aerie Worthy President chose "Back Home in Indiana."

Auxiliary Madam President Jackson presented Junior Past President Boyd with her gold card and money gift. Jackson then named her Mother for the year, Millie Weatherford, and she also received a gift. Line officers received a hanging planter gift.



Eagles Auxiliary 1126 officers are, front row, from left, Junior Past President Mildred Boyd; Vice President Sue Rogers; Chaplin Barbara Modrusic; Secretary Vincine Zerlan; Treasurer Katie Kostoff; and Conductor Angie Buehler. Back row, Inside Guard Laverne Malzynski; Outside Guard Mary Church; Three Year Trustee Ann Pates; Two Year Trustee Flo Stokes; protom Joanne Spencer; One Year Trustee Martha Simpson; protom Florence (Fuzz) Hagnuer; and President Nina Jackson.

EPA awards environmental grant

The St. Clair County Health Department has received an environmental education grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This is the seventh year that awards are being made under the EPA's environmental education grants program.

It is with great pleasure that I extend EPA's support to the organizations in Illi-

nois for environmental education programs," said acting Regional Administrator David A. Ullrich.

This year, more than 170 applicants competed for the funds. The EPA is awarding \$200,000 to 23 recipients in the Midwest. In Illinois, St. Clair County Health and three Chicago agencies received assistance.

JETS entertain at Anchorage

The Anchorage Hall was the scene of a meeting of 60 residents attending the monthly meeting, President Vera Lynn introduced the entertainers, the JETS, a group of young people, ranging in age from four to 12 years, from the Niedringhaus Methodist Church.

Other guests with the group were the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Motta and son Danny and choir director, Betty Doggett, (who is also a co-pilot of the group), and Karen Geiske, another co-pilot. The JETS arrived with delicious cake, fruit and punch.

The residents provided Slop-Joes and pot-luck dishes for all. After the entertainment, Lynn called a business meeting. Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. It was also announced the trip this fall would be to Graton to the Fin Inn, where you can drive up the side of the building and go in the back door.

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The monthly meeting for June was held in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizen Hall. Earl

PSOP plans new kind of trip in July

Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons will sponsor an "intergenerational trip" in July. Senior citizens and their younger family members and friends are invited to share in a day of learning and fun at three different St. Louis sites.

On July 15, the day will begin with a morning tour of the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Next on the agenda is Grant's Farm, a 281-acre haven for more than 1,000 animals representing six continents. While at the farm, participants will see animal shows and visit the Clydesdale stable.

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The fee is \$28 per person and includes lunch at the Cafe Victorian and Steamboat Pub. Also included in the cost is round-trip Bi-State bus transportation, admission to the sites, all taxes and gratuities.

Pick-up and drop-off points will be at the PSOP office in Belleville, 201 N. Church St., and in Fairview Heights at the Caseyville Township Center, 10001 Bunkum Road.

Reservations are required and should be made by July 1. When making reservations, specify whether you would like chicken crepes or beef tips for lunch.

For more information or to reserve your space, call Trip Specialist Nancy Bauer at 234-4410, Ext. 17.

Escape the summer's heat and humidity July 20 by joining PSOP for a day of gambling and feasting on Station Casino St. Charles.

Located on the Missouri River, this casino has been voted "best casino" for the last two years. When lunchtime rolls around, be prepared for "The Feast" buffet where you can choose from more than 145 items.

Round-trip luxury motor-coach transportation will be provided with pick-up and drop-off points at the Belleville PSOP office and at the Caseyville Township Center.

The fee is \$18 per person and includes transportation, the buffet, taxes and gratuities. Deadline for reservations is July 6.

To reserve your spot or for more information, call Bauer at 234-4410, Ext. 17.

Births policy

Birth announcement forms are made available to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City and Anderson Hospital in Maryville, and they are available at the Press-Record/Journal office, 1815 Delmar, Granite City.



Maxine Green

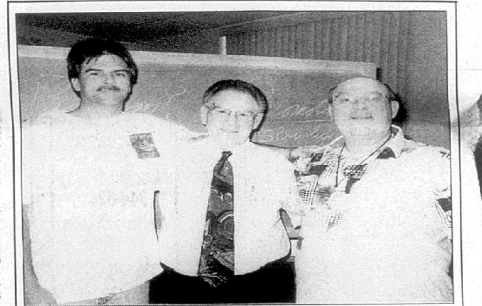
Edmiston, president, opened the meeting with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ruth Dagon gave the Secretary Report, Rose Edmiston gave the Kitchen Report and Jim Hill gave the Treasury Report. Plans for taking a trip to Arthur, Ill., to visit the Rockhome Gardens were discussed. Entertainment was music by Everett Hudson, Pete Galenski, Charles Holland and Fuzzy Walker. Snacks were served to approximately 35 members.

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Growing session — More than 30 members of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) participated in a five-hour Growth Seminar last month at the church. Pictured, from left, are Glenn Ribenburgh, Council chairman; the Rev. Ben Merold, senior minister at Harvesters Christian Church in St. Charles, Mo.; and John Kinnard, interim minister of Central Christian. Church members said they were enthusiastic about some of the ideas presented by the Rev. Merold and will implement them in a growth program on a gradual basis.

Carrie Owen graduates at ISU

Carrie Owen of Granite City and Craig Neff of Waterloo are among the 266 graduate students at Illinois State University in Normal who completed requirements for master's degrees, specialists in school psychology or certificates of advanced study during the spring 1996 semester.

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